

**The United States of America
Before the Federal Communications Commission**

FCC - MAILROOM

Petition for Rulemaking

3. The petitioner is a Life Member of the American Radio Relay League.

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4. The petitioner regularly operates on two meter and 440 MHz FM bands and has just completed building a 40-meter QRP transceiver. He is well versed in the use of Morse code and for many years operated CW exclusively.

4. The World Radio Conference 03 recently removed the requirement for knowledge of Morse code for operation on frequencies below 30 MHz.

5. If the Commission was to establish the Amateur Radio Service *ab initio*, there would be no reason to require knowledge of Morse code. Fifty years ago the requirement was reasonable, but as Morse code use has declined in other services there is less reason to require it in the Amateur Radio Service.

6. The Morse code requirement limits the number of people who take advantage of the Amateur Radio hobby. The policy of the Commission should not be to limit the use of the Service based on a requirement that most of the rest of the world and other radio services find unnecessary.

7. The Morse code requirement drastically limits the ability of handicapped people to obtain Amateur Radio licenses. The Commission's policy should be to encourage the use of Amateur Radio.

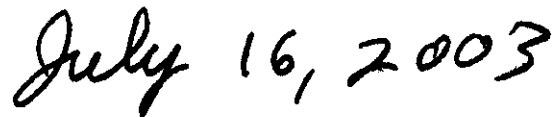
8. Continued Morse code requirements serve no useful purpose in the Twenty-first Century.

ACCORDINGLY, THEREFORE, the petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission immediately remove all requirements for knowledge of the Morse code in the Amateur Radio Service.

I certify that the contents of this petition are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I have not filed this petition to cause delay.

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Kiernan K. Holliday

A handwritten date in black ink, "July 16, 2003". The word "July" is written in a cursive style, while "16, 2003" is in a more straightforward, slightly slanted font.